## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As required by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, claims 1-23 have been cancelled.

If the Examiner has any remaining questions, she is urged to contact the undersigned.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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